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RSC looks to attract new students, sponsors first Junior Day

■ Administrators plan to invite third-year students, instead of seniors, from now on.

BY MIKE CAPO
NEWS EDITOR

RSC opened its doors to the area's high school students as hosts for the first annual Junior Day.

The college decided to sponsor the event, traditionally held for high school seniors, to introduce the campus to students at a time when they are beginning to seriously plan their post-secondary school futures.

"The switch in focus (from seniors to juniors) was made in order to aid the students in making decisions regarding course work during their senior year," said Robert Jensen, RSC chancellor.

Students from Santa Ana, Tustin, Orange and Garden Grove Unified School Districts were given a half-hour tour, treated to lunch and left to browse at the many booths set up on the mall at the Santa Ana Campus.

"We decided that we would get the juniors down here because they haven't made any decisions (about where to attend college) at this time of year," said David Dobos, dean of students. "We also invited the seniors this year so we wouldn't leave anyone out."

According to some of the visiting students, the tours provided them with the



GRRRRROWL- RSC Theater department make-up instructor Gary Christensen applies the finishing touches to student John Hirsch during Junior Day at SAC.
Photo By Danny McCoy

opportunity to experience a little taste of college life and helped them in examining their educational options.

"A lot of people came here to check out the different choices that they have for

where they can go to college," said Enrique Carbajal, Santa Ana High School senior.

Rocio Zamora, a junior from Santiago High School, added that her ex-

perience at RSC was both valuable and enjoyable.

"It was fun. We were given a chance to find out what we really want," said Zamora.

Daycare on trial after disappearance of child at Cypress College center

BY SHARYNN BASS
STAFF WRITER

The McMartin Preschool molestation case put daycare on the defensive.

Care providers became suspect. Working parents wondered if the children they were dropping off were really safe.

Daycare was on trial again this month when 2-year-old Katie Dunn wandered out of the Cypress College Children's Center and was missing for 20 minutes.

As in the McMartin case, the verdict came in not guilty. Police and county officials cleared the center of any wrongdoing. Instead, the incident spotlighted the need for parents to strictly follow a center's procedures for transferring care of their child—and the potential consequences.

if they do not.

In the Cypress College incident, the parent's signature was not on the day's sign-in list, and Cypress College President Kirk Avery said no staff member at the center saw the child being dropped off.

Following this incident, nervous parents began questioning the staff of RSC's daycare center. They wondered: could it happen here?

"I'd like to think that it would never happen here, but you can't say never about anything," said Gwen Morgan-Beazell, director of RSC's Child Development Center, and a faculty member in the human development department.

RSC's state-funded Child Development Center, located on the Santa Ana campus, is part of RSC's human development department and functions as a training

ground for early childhood teachers. The college's daycare program as a whole encompasses three facilities set up to serve a total of 145 children.

California daycare licensing laws require centers to specify procedures for the transference of responsibility from the parent to care providers. "In our parent handbook...we say you must accompany your child into the school, you must sign him in, you must make sure an adult sees your child arrive," said Morgan-Beazell.

She emphasized the importance of parents adhering to the center's procedures to insure a clear-cut transfer of responsibility. As long as harried parents cut corners when dropping their children off, said Morgan-Beazell, centers will always be vulnerable.

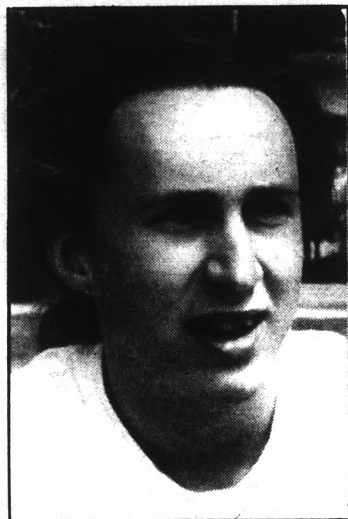
RSC center's program starts at 9:30 a.m., and every child is required to arrive by 10:30 so they will not miss the day's activities. If children are dropped off after the program is in full swing, their parents need to be certain that an adult has seen their child arrive.

"The most vulnerable time here is the later morning

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Photo Poll

How do you feel about the death penalty?

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Freshman

Fine Arts major

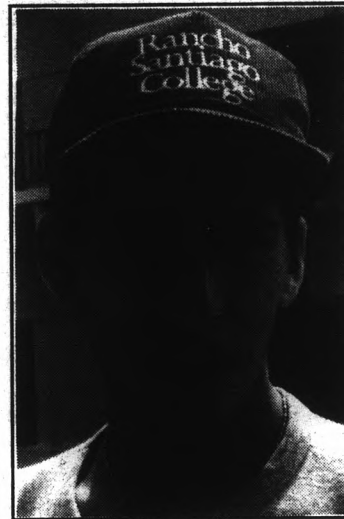
"I'm opposed to the death penalty. People should uphold their integrity, two wrongs don't make a right."

**Eden Slagle**

Sophomore

Dance major

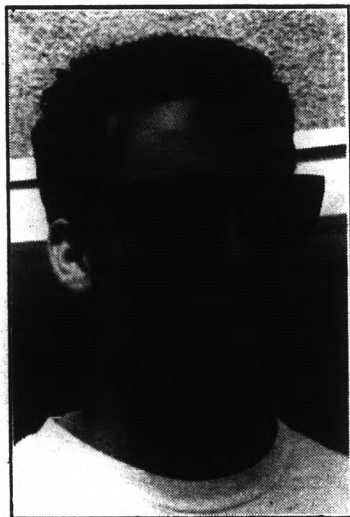
"I don't think anyone has the right to take a person's life."

**Ian Gordon**

Sophomore

Sports Medicine major

"I think people should be given another chance. People can change."

**Richard Valenzuela**

Freshman

Telecommunications major

"I believe in the death penalty. If someone kills they deserve to die for it. It's an even trade."

**Kunden Patel**

Freshman

Undecided

"Go for it. They should die if they killed someone."

**Stephanie Cundliff**

Sophomore

Liberal Arts major

"I think the court should be equal in administrating the death penalty. Some rich get off because they can afford lawyers. The under-represented should not be penalized for lack of funds."

The execution of Robert Alton Harris, California's first in 23 years, is scheduled for tomorrow.

Harris was convicted of the 1978 murders of Michael Baker and John Mayeski, two San Diego teenagers, after stealing their car for use in a bank robbery.

Despite pleas from Mother Teresa and other clergy

members, who have spoken out in behalf of the condemned man, Gov. George Deukmejian stood firm in his belief that upholding the law under which Harris was sentenced to die was most important to him.

Harris has exhausted all his efforts for appeals since he was placed on Death Row. Two weeks ago, he retracted his application for a clemency

hearing before Deukmejian.

Harris felt that the governor, a longtime advocate of capital punishment, would not give him a fair chance. Deukmejian's grant of clemency was Harris' last avenue of relief.

In response to Harris' impending execution, RSC students were asked what their views are on capital punishment.

Legislation will ease transferring hassle

BY AMY BURKE
STAFF WRITER

Bills currently in review by the State Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education and the State Senate will significantly change transfer procedures from a community college to a UC or CSU.

One bill of importance to the estimated 350,000 community college students planning on transferring is Senate Bill 507, the Transfer Guarantee Bill.

Amendments to State Senator Gary Hart's bill (SB 507) would smooth the rocky path from a community college

to a UC or CSU through co-enrollment at a community college and four-year university.

After completing the requirements at the community college level, students would then proceed on to the university with junior status.

Rancho Santiago College already has one such program set up with UC Irvine called Zero In On Transferring, ZOT.

This guaranteed admissions program between the two schools assures students who were eligible for admission to UCI as freshmen but chose to complete their first two years at RSC that they will be admitted as juniors

upon completion of a specifically designed educational plan.

If the new version of SB 507 is passed into law RSC, as well as the other 106 community colleges, will be required to establish programs such as ZOT with at least three UC campuses and five CSU campuses.

Hart considers SB 507 to be a "Student Bill of Rights" which would make transferring as simple as moving from elementary school to middle school and then on to high school.

According to Audrey Yamagata-Noji, assistant dean of Student Services, these amendments "don't mean anything," because it

is only "intent language" that doesn't change the law or statute.

"Developing it is one thing, but honoring it is another thing," said Yamagata-Noji. "The UC's and CSU's don't want anyone to tell them what to do, especially UC."

Existing transfer practices can create great trouble for students when they find out the university they are transferring to won't accept some of their units completed at the community college.

The amendment to SB 507 requiring that each university develop discipline-specific articulation will delete the need for transfer students to spend another year either at the community college or at the university.

The universities must also "ensure that...enrollment plans include adequate upper-division places for community college transfer students in all undergraduate colleges and schools."

A 40/60 ratio of lower-to-upper division students at UC schools must be met through policies created to increase the number of transfer students rather than by denying freshmen applicants. The UC's will begin increasing upper-division enrollment by one percentage point each year starting next school year.

Creating a more ethnically diverse population of baccalaureate degree holders is another objective of Hart's amendments, since the latest pool of freshmen at the UC's and CSU's is "not reflective of the racial and ethnic diversity of the state's population."

Daycare:

■ RSC Center takes steps to provide children and parents with a safe program.

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arrivals," said Morgan-Bezell. "From 9:30 to 10:30, everybody's busy, so a parent really needs to go up and say 'Here's my child.'"

Morgan-Bezell had already taken steps to reduce the possibility of a child walking off occurring at RSC.

One precaution was the installation of a small fenced enclosure surrounding the front entrance, with a locking gate.

Another aspect of the RSC Child Development Center which makes it particularly safe, according to Morgan-Bezell, is the 4 to 1 ratio of adults to children.

How can parents determine whether a daycare facility's safety standards meet their own?

"For years we've been trying to get parents to really look around," said Morgan-Bezell. "Very often people buy child care where it's convenient—like the child care center that's on their way to the freeway...and they don't really look into what's going on there."

"Be concerned...ask questions," she added. "Parents need to know they need to interview the school as well as the school asking questions of them."

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Editorials

Lawmakers aren't making it any easier to transfer

We have all heard the horror stories. Somebody discovers that after years of study at a community college the university he plans on attending won't accept all of his units. He goes back to the community college to make up the deficiencies, costing him a whole year.

Because of this, students are wasting vast amounts of time because the CSU's and UC's won't get their acts together and integrate the two separate systems.

State Bill 507, which was proposed by Gary Hart, D-Santa Barbara, is pending a vote in the State Assembly.

The core of SB 507 calls for a process that guarantees in writing a student's transfer from a community college to a UC or CSU. This would replace the current system of general education requirements which often vary with each campus.

Using words like 'should' rather than 'shall,' legislators have changed the language in SB 507, turning it into nothing more than a token thought.

Under the amended changes, UC's and CSU's will not be forced to comply with the bill, leaving community college students out in the cold once again.

The lip-service legislators are proposing in the amended version of SB 507 is not what students need. We need laws implemented by those we have elected which force a change in the system of higher education, not those which give us another kind of education in bureaucracy.

Women have an equal right to hazardous, high risk jobs

Deemed by one judge as the most important sex-discrimination case in any court since 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving 'fetal protection' policies in the workplace.

Johnson Controls Co., the largest maker of auto batteries, wants to ban women of child-bearing age from working in its plants because of potential danger to a fetus should the women become pregnant. This is because the company could not rid its plants of high lead levels.

One of the company's plants is located in Fullerton.

Employers would be allowed to consign women to 'women's work' and reserve better-paying and more hazardous jobs for men, if the Supreme Court legalizes this ban.

It seems that Johnson Controls Co.'s policy is to exclude women not because they are pregnant, but because they are fertile, which is wrong. Before hiring, women had to provide evidence that they were sterile, according to one former employee. This is not only biased, but absolutely ludicrous.

This proposed ban is clearly a violation of women's rights. Maybe the jobs are potentially dangerous, but so what? It is no less dangerous for men.

Lead can affect males and females, but there is no ban for males.

We need equal treatment for both sexes.

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Soviets intervene in Lithuania

BY GREGORY CREEL

A sad thing happened a while back; a little girl was kidnapped.

She was forced into the crook's house, beaten, raped and turned into a slave. The neighbors knew about it but really didn't bother. She was coerced into assuming his family name and a common-law marriage resulted. There wasn't much she could do.

The neighbors looked over to their big dumb pal Sam some blocks away for help but he was indignant.

With each beating and each rape she scared and grew more impervious to pain. All her torment and humiliation quietly boiled. Being used to controlling pain, she learned to contain her emotions. And she waited, and waited.

Then after many years, after everyone but she had forgotten about her abduction and had taken their relationship for granted, her captor decided to show his neighbors his good side.

He decided to clean up his act, keeping his dark ugly secret under lock and key.

Then she lashed out. She climbing on top of his roof. She screamed

out to the world: "I'M FREE, I WILL NOT TOLERATE YOUR AUTHORITY. YOU HAVE DEGRADED AND DEMORALIZED ME. I AM LEAVING YOU, YOU BASTARD!"

He was stunned. He never thought she would have the gall to do that. "That's illegal. You can't just leave. You belong to me. I fed you, clothed you and raised you," he told her.

"You kidnapped me, raped me and exploited me for your own selfish needs. You have no right to tell me what to do," she snapped back.

The man had a gentle image to keep. He swore he wouldn't use force to get her back. But he did, breaking into her house at 3:30 in the morning and beating her relentlessly.

Dragging her from her home, he left only a trail of her blood behind. The neighbors could only watch in horror and pray that Sam would help her. He didn't help. He was being spineless trying to be buddies with the victim and the kidnapper.

This story sounds familiar doesn't it?

The Soviet Union is back to its Khrushchev tactics. Lithuania is

helpless and the Bush administration again is wishy-washy, not being able to act under pressure.

The Reds are putting their gauntlets back to work and we say we didn't approve of the kidnapping to start with.

Bush hasn't even had the courage to blast Gorbachev's aggression. He's the man I always said he was: spineless and indecisive.

Typical quotes from Washington: "This is a very complex and delicate diplomatic situation."

But it's a worse human rights situation, Mr. Bush. Democracy is on the line here. "We don't want to inflame the situation." I guess Bush wants to keep nuclear weapons out of this one.

The other super powers will do anything they please. China did. What did Bush do about China? He called it a tragedy. We're buddies with them again, like nothing happened.

Gorbachev sees that. Big, dumb Sam. He'll forget in a few months and it will be business as usual.

Sorry Lithuania, looks like you're going to have to go this one alone. George is hiding in his bedroom. He won't be out until it's over.

Letters

It's not Solidarity

Dear Editor,

The presence of Yasser Arafat, with Moammar Kadafi alongside him, in the reviewing stand at Windhoek, Namibia, should have warned secretary of state James Baker that he was surrounded by political quicksand. But this normally cautious man misstepped badly in his foray into the complex politics of South Africa. When Baker compared the ANC to solidarity, he stepped in quicksand.

The ANC has much more in common with the Palestine Liberation Organization than with solidarity! Like the PLO, it claims to be the sole legitimate representative of people who did not choose it. Like the PLO, it uses violence against rival groups - black and white. Like the PLO, it has extremely close ties to the Soviet Union and the still active International Socialist Network. Most in its executive committee are perfectly open members of the South African Communist

Party.

The grisly torture-murders of ANC rivals have commenced anew as black-on-black violence in South Africa intensifies, much as the "Intifada" turned on dissenting Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Wherever people have had the opportunity to choose their rulers in free elections, they have voted against dogmatic, ideological marxist groups such as the African National Congress.

Solidarity leaders did not win power by "necklacing" opponents. But, to the embarrassment of the Bush administration, the ANC has still not renounced violence as a means for achieving its political ends.

Maybe Lech Walesa could explain to Secretary Baker the difference between liberation movements that liberate and liberation movements that enslave.

Scipio Foris Romanus
RSC Student

A Voice of Reason

Dear Editor,

I have to say that I was moved by the sputtering but none the less seemingly sincere sentiments expressed by Karen Janssen (March 26, 1990) in last week's el Don.

I mean, this country has been going to hell in a hand basket ever since Shirley Temple stopped making movies. It all started with that nasty woman Teresa Brewer singing "Come On A My House" and the next thing you know you have groups like Slayer.

What we need is a national etiquette czar with full police powers to sentence anybody expressing unclean thoughts to ten years in bed without any supper on the spot. Then they'd think twice before uttering words like "pregnant" and "liberal."

Damn straight.

Gary Garland,
A real American and erstwhile
Rancho Student

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FRONT

■ **A walk on
the wild
side:**

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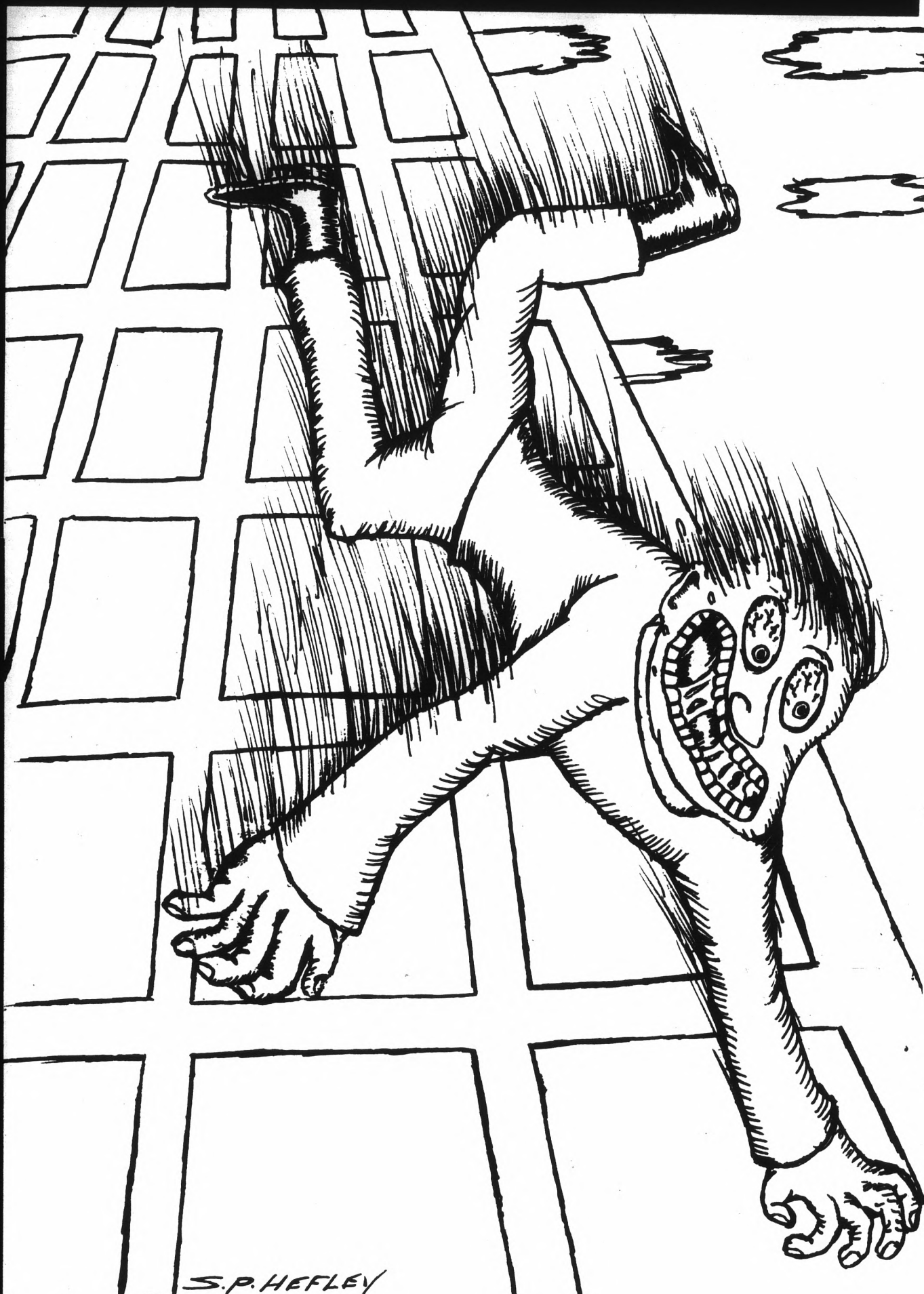
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readers.

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Ford?**

Jim Silver
spouts off
from behind
the wheel.

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'Channel One', which started programming daily on March 5th of this year, has been accepted in almost 3,000 schools in 34 states. By way of comparison, a similar program originating on Ted Turner's CNN, which charges a subscription fee but is commercial free, is picked-up by more than 6,000 schools in all 50 states.

The impact of television on children has been hotly debated since the earliest days of broadcasting. The average child will view almost 1200 hours of television and be bombarded with 22,000 commercials this year. It would be hard to argue with the concept that if the actual viewing

Tuning in on TV III

BY LOYD ATWOOD

of so much television doesn't make the child passive, then the quality, or lack of it, in programming does. The idea that our children will become mindless automatons due to overexposure to TV has been largely disproved but everyone seems to agree that commercialization has taken the meat out of children's TV

and left all the fat. The 'Electric Company' has been replaced by the World Wrestling Federation.

Programs aimed at children range from surreal (Pee Wee's Playhouse, Camp Candy), to innocuous (Smurfs, Scooby Doo), to violent (Dungeons and Dragons, Sub-Mariner), to outright dreck (Kissy Fur,

Alf-Tales). The bulk of the truly bad programming is found on independent stations, who must sell their advertising cheaper and make up the difference by airing the ads more often.

One recent, positive development has been the decrease in commercial viability for the ultra-violent, artless cartoon shows of the mid 80s (He-Man, GI Joe, Masters of the Universe). The bad news is that these shows have been replaced by ultra-lame, artless cartoons that are merely derivatives of popular movies (Karate Kid, Slimer! and the Real Ghostbusters), or consumer items (Gummi Bears, the California Raisins).



Wake Up and Smell the World

April is Environmental Awareness Month. Information tables will be on the Santa Ana campus quad today and Thursday. There will be pamphlets available and T-shirts for sale. The Earth Day pledge drive will be initiated. Do your part, stop by, see Pat Mitchell and sign up.

And They're Off

In the mood for a play? Check out "Don't go back to Rockville" by Jamie Baker (not REM) in Phillips Hall Little Theatre West (P-105) starting this Friday April 6-8 at 7 p.m. This is the Orange County premiere of a family whose lives revolve around horseracing. The funny, touching and intense performance continues with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. showings April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21.

-COMPILED BY DEV ONASSIS

What's Up Front?

The work on the cover of this week's Second Front was produced by artist Scott Hefley and is titled, "I'm Legally Insane."

Hefley has been doing cartoons for the past 18 years and has been featured in several publications.

Hefley is the art editor for the el Don and has won several awards for his work including

recognition by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges for his cartooning.

According to Hefley he sees everything as a possibility for a cartoon.

"Everything in life is a twisted cartoon. I'm like high on drawing and you can't get any higher than you already are."

For more info on Hefley's work contact the el Don at 541-6064.

The story of the Second Front

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In 1982 in the basement of a little bar in the south of Oswego, two American men, Steve Bashakis and Vic Arpeggio plotted out their ideas for a little weekly entertainment newspaper on the back of a dirty napkin.

It took eight years for their dream to come to reality but after lying, cheating and stealing enough money they were able to start production of their paper. Named after the bar they started in, The Second Front is now dedicated to the coverage of not just entertainment but of lifestyles.

From this day forth the Second Front is going to be published weekly as an insert to the el Don.

HIT & MISS WEEKENDER

WITH A DATE

BY MARKIE MENHEIMER

Ed. Note.
Well, when we first began planning to do the Second Front we dedicated this column to answering the question "what the hell am I going to

do this weekend?"

We started by telling you what you could do on a date, then with the guys then going solo. The only problem with this is that we have run out of ideas.

See, we never actually planned on making it past the second or third issue and now here we are in issue number four.

However, we will not compromise our entertainment quality by not giving our readers something. So, this week we had to dig deep into our withering petty cash fund and hire a contract columnist.

Unfortunately, at the price we were able to pay, no men were available so we got the next best thing, a lesbian.

So, this week we hope you will enjoy the plans that our guest columnist Markie Menheimer.

Now, what you're probably saying is "how is she qualified to tell me what to do for the weekend?"

Well, first, Markie has been president of the He-Woman Man Haters Club for eleven years. Second she wrote for one of the top entertainment magazines in the country and third she's probably made it with more broads than all of our past columnists put together.

And as the tattoo on Markie's 18" bicep says "If you won't then maybe your sister will."

Like the tattoo on my thigh says, "If there ain't Harleys in Heaven, then I'm ridin' mine straight to Hell."

When the editors of the Second Front approached me to write a column for them at first I was apprehensive. After all why would I want to compromise my beliefs to write for a mens magazine? Then I started thinking, what do men and lesbians have in common?

I came up with two things.

Number one was a strong desire to have fun, hell, doesn't everyone though.

Number two, was a strong desire to have fun with a cute little philly with a pretty face and legs all the way to the floor.

So, I decided just to list a few places where one can get their fill of both.

For an adventurous evening on the town try Paddy Murphy's Topless Bar on Warner Avenue just past Fairview in Santa Ana.

As in all topless bars the drinks are expensive and rough but the dancers are

top notch. Paddy's has been one of the best local strip joints since the Mustang burnt down.

Another of the fairly local places where you can see quality female entertainment is Captain Creams Tussling Tootsies located in the fine city of El Toro on Lake Forrest Road and the Five Freeway. The club features hot cream wrestling, scantily clad women servers and one of my favorite cool-down activities pinball.

If you're just into drinking and B.S.ing a nice little bar to go to is the Tophat on West 17th in the city of Santa Ana. The bar is small, smelly, dangerous and a motorcycle is usually required to get in but after all what is life without adventure.

Like the tattoo on my thigh says, "If there ain't Harleys in Heaven, then I'm ridin' mine straight to Hell."

Letters, we get letters

Dear Editors,

I have a real problem with your so-called newspaper. When I read the first two issues I was really impressed. But after my experience last week, I'm thinking of suing your columnist, Rick O'Shea.

Last weekend I went to Reuben's on 17th, just like Mr. O'Shea suggested. I waited a good 45 minutes, and not a single older woman approached me.

I was so depressed that no one spoke to me, I ran my car into a concrete pillar.

My lawyer says that all newspapers and magazines are insured to the hilt with really deep pockets, for cases just like mine. He said you'll pay me at least \$50,000.00 just to get rid of me and avoid the bad publicity.

I'm waiting for my check.

Sincerely,
Stanford Gilliam, III

Dear Editors,

I have a real problem with your so-called newspaper. When I read the first two issues I was really impressed. But after my experience last week, I'm thinking of suing your columnist, Karen Walsh.

Last weekend I bought that Michael Penn CD on her recommendation. I must admit that I thought Mike would be a dog, but when I saw his picture on the back, I realized he was as hot as his brother Sean.

I was so engrossed with his picture, I drove my car into a concrete pillar.

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Sincerely,
Trish the Dish

Dear Editors,

I have a real problem with your so-called newspaper. When I read the first two issues I was really impressed. But after my experience last week, I'm thinking of suing your columnist, Jim Silver.

Last weekend I read his article entitled, "Where have all the Movie Moguls Gone?" Since my father is a movie mogul and I didn't realize he was missing, I was so distraught that I ran my 325es Beemer into a concrete pillar.

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Sincerely,
Daniel A. Fox

Dear Editors,

I have a real problem with your so-called newspaper. When I read the first two issues I was really impressed, but after my experience last week, I'm thinking of suing your photographer, Graham Antione Schildmeyer.

After opening your issue, I was totally engrossed with the cover photo by Mr. Schildmeyer, that I ran my 1968 Camaro into a concrete pillar.

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Sincerely,
Matthew Eunich

Dear Editors,

Maybe you can help me. I think your newspaper is really cool and I need some good, sound advice.

I am a young male, 23-years-old, and have just moved into the Santa Ana area from Wisconsin.

I am 6-3, 210 and the girls back home all said I was good looking.

My problem is that I'm still a virgin. I know you guys are probably laughing at me right now, but I'm serious.

It seems that every time I get close to a girl, I just lose my nerve. If I've been drinking, I am a little less inhibited, but then unable to sustain anything, I just end up puking all over her.

I have tried everything; doctors, shrinks, even hydro-therapy. Nothing works.

Will you guys please do a column on men in my situation. I understand that there are a lot of good-looking, tall and lean men in my position.

Sincerely,
Durk "Shorty" Bogard

Dear Editors,

I just don't understand it. Where do these letters of yours come from? I find it hard to believe that you have that many readers, let alone readers who can write. Do you make them up, or what?

Sincerely,
Shah of Iran

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Driving Miss Silver

BY JIM SILVER

Watching the movie "Roger and Me" reminded me of my own experience trying to contact some one of authority and accountability at Ford Motor Co. Let me begin at the beginning of my tiresome journey.

SEPT. 1985—I purchased my '85 and 1/2 Sport Tempo with electronic fuel injection from Campus Ford, Lansing. This car was built in August 1985. Since I was living in Michigan, I bought the seven-year Lifetime Rustproof Warranty. One month after I bought my car, motor train warranties jumped from 12,000 to 36,000 miles. The same car with different headlights and tail lights.

APR. 1987—I now had only 13,000 miles on my car. I took my car into Campus Ford to have a Ford factory air kit installed and showed them the rusting underside of my trunk lid. They installed A/C, sanded and painted the trunk lid.

MAY, 1987—I moved to Santa Ana, O.C., Ca.

SEPT. 16, 1987—The engine was overheating when using the A/C. I had MacPherson Ford flush the cooling system and install a new thermostat—21,875 miles. The rust had already come back, worse than ever.

SEPT. 16, 1987—I took a test drive using the A/C. The engine overheated and I returned to MacPherson Ford. They checked and figured out the fan wasn't working. They checked the temperature sensor, repaired a fuse connector and told me the A/C was improperly wired up. I quit using the A/C entirely.

SEPT. 18, 1987—While in the center of the 405 during rush hour, the computerized ignition module died. The engine was dead. I had the car towed to Campbell Ford. The repair was covered under a recall. Within the next several months, I returned a number of times to correct poor mileage, rough running, and erratic idle...with no good results.

MARCH 31, 1988—The engine overheated when trying to use A/C. MacPherson Ford said the radiator (plastic ends, no less) had a pinhole leak.

APRIL 1, 1988—the leak was repaired.

JUNE, 1988—I installed new plugs and a rotor, then had the car scoped at Sears...slight improvement, but it still ran erratic. I tried the A/C in mid-June. the engine overheated.

Up till now, it had been very frustrating and inconvenient, but not outrageously expensive. Now, it gets really good. I called Ford "customer service" in Orange. They said I had to call Detroit. I did so and was told I'd be contacted in a few days...WRONG!

AUGUST 5, 1988—I called Detroit again. They said

Orange County "customer service" had to handle it. I called Orange County Ford "customer service." They told me that I had to call Campus Ford (in Michigan)...no response...what a surprise. So, I called Detroit again. I'm out about \$30 on calls by now because Ford is so customer oriented (no 800 number at that time).

AUGUST 7, 1988—I came out of the mall, the car would not start. The lights worked, the radio worked, but the engine was deader than dog do-do. It was towed to Campbell Ford with 37,621 miles on it.

AUGUST 10, 1988—I wrote a letter outlining the above events to Donald T. Peterson, Chairman of Ford Motor.

A few days later, I heard from the service manager at MacPherson Ford. He told me that if I brought the car in and got it all repaired, then Ford "would see what they could do for me."

At that time, my gut feeling was telling me, "the hell with my credit, they can put it where the sun don't shine." But I didn't follow my instincts.

Since that time I've made \$2,000 in payments. I've also had to replace the front CV joints, the rack and pinion and normal maintenance items like belts and hoses to the tune of about \$3000. I still owe \$2000. I could have bought a Toyota pickup for cash.

I had the other work done at Santa Ana Lincoln-Mercury. They were recommended to me by my wife's Honda mechanic. They cured the erratic running and idle by replacing two electronic sensors on the fuel injection (one was just replaced again). My mileage is still not what it should be.

I believe they've found the reason, though. A compression check showed my car has piston ring wear comparable to a car with 120,000 miles (no doubt due to the overheating from the A/C). Since break-in, I've NEVER run anything but Mobil 1, and never more than for 10,000 miles before a change.

They found something else real interesting, too. The

Ford factory air kit is not composed of Ford parts.

MID-LATE JANUARY, 1990—I consulted with the Ford "customer service" zone representative. I've had five Fords in a row, the last four financed through Ford Motor Credit Co. You'd think that would be worth some appreciation, wouldn't you?

I'M STILL WAITING TO HEAR!

Since that time (mid-Feb., 1990), I heard about Lynn's Auto-Air in Westminster. They install factory air kits for many of the Ford dealers of Orange County. I took it to them for a diagnosis of the A/C problem (\$22.50). Lynn's told me that:

1) It is a Ford factory air kit.

2) It is wired correctly.

3) The problem was that the back of the radiator fan cowl was missing four small (about 3x5 inches) rubber flaps. These flaps close when the fan comes on and create a vacuum, so that the fan will draw air THROUGH the radiator.

I've since had these flaps installed (at no charge) by Santa Ana Lincoln-Mercury, who apologized. My car now runs cooler overall AND the A/C works.

So after about 15 visits over two years to "certified Ford dealers," it's fixed (for now), except I have an engine with crapped piston rings.

Ford denies their responsibility claiming "all dealers are franchised independent agents." Inspirational, isn't it? "Quality is Job One." Sure it is. Getting your money is job one!

Like many Vietnam Vets, being a "good" (read as gullible) American, I got screwed (not nearly to the same degree, thank God). All I know is that my wife's Honda Accord has 60,000 miles and she's never had to do anything but brakes, oil changes and a tune up. The same is true for every one of my friends that has a Japanese car.

Buy American? Whether it's product...or propaganda, I can't afford to.

PRO

BY MIKE STONE

Robert Alton Harris is scheduled to be executed tomorrow for the murder of two San Diego teenagers in 1978.

If the sentence is carried out, Harris will be the first person executed in California in 23 years.

Harris has been on death row since 1981, when the California Supreme Court upheld his death sentence.

Why has it taken so long? The state has been wasting our money, keeping this criminal alive, when he should have been put to death years ago.

His own ilk, the State's other guests on Death Row, said they would party on the day he died. If that isn't any indication of the kind of man Harris is, I don't know what is.

The death penalty is not applicable in every case, and the argument that it deters other criminals is ludicrous.

But it does keep that particular individual from ever doing anything evil again.

While on Death Row, where he supposedly couldn't hurt anybody else, Harris instigated the gang rape of another convict.

This man deserves to die.

The citizens of California have made their feelings on the death penalty known. Twice we have voted to keep it as a form of punishment, and we voted out of office three State Supreme Court Justices that overturned the death penalty when the laws of the state demanded it.

If a change is to be made, we need to speed up the process.

Presently, in a case where capital punishment is imposed, the case is automatically appealed to the State Supreme Court.

The high court's role is to make sure the sentence is just and that every possible reason to not execute the prisoner has been explored.

These cases should have first priority with the court and set on some sort of time scale.

After a lower court hands down in capital punishment sentence, the case would be heard by the State Supreme Court within six months.

The court would have to make a ruling on the death sentence within six months, and if the death penalty is not overturned, the convict is executed within three months.

Mother Teresa, among others, has called upon Governor George Deukmejian to spare Harris' life. They make the argument that

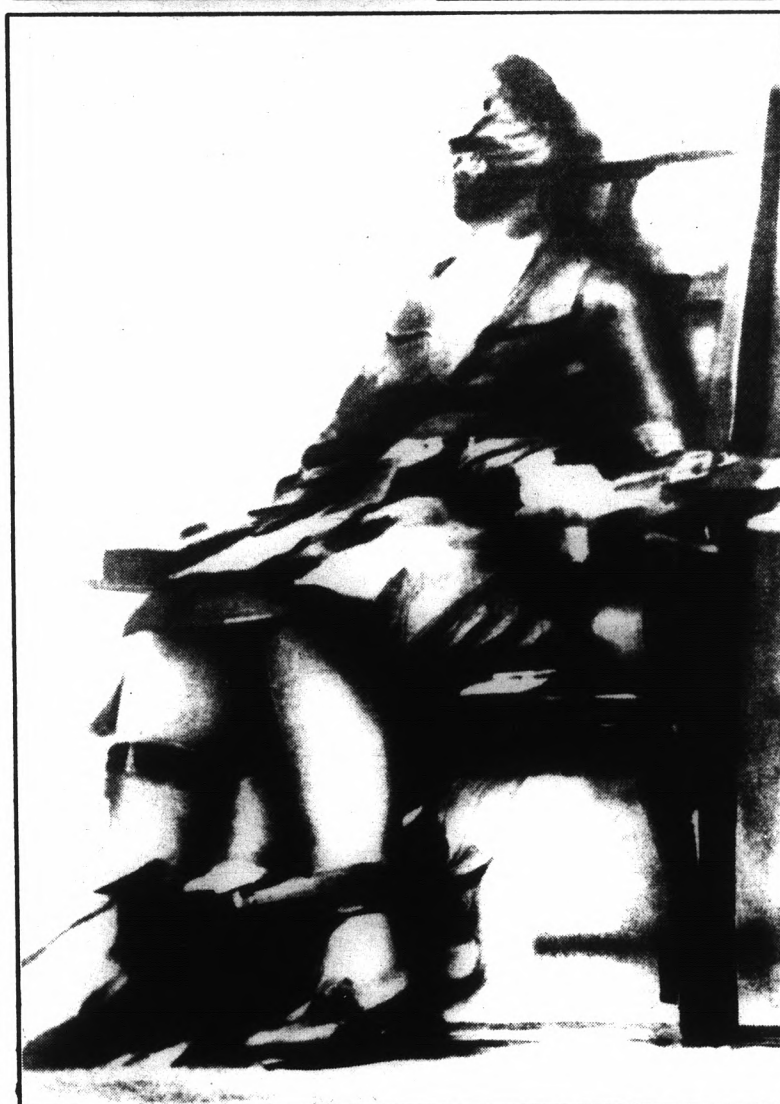
because he had a rotten childhood and suffers from post-traumatic stress syndrome, he should be spared.

Just because his parents didn't like him or he had a tough childhood, that doesn't give him the right to kill.

Harris and his attorneys have made four separate appeals to the United States Supreme Court, and all four have been rejected. After his first appeal, he should have been put to death.

We have the death penalty in California because the citizens want it. We should not be afraid to use it.

THE DEATH PENALTY



On January 12, 1928, Ruth Snyder was executed in Sing Sing Prison's death house for the murder of her husband. Taken with a subminiature camera concealed to his ankle, Tom Howard of the New York Daily News captured the event with this "stolen" picture.

CON

BY DAN TRATENSEK

On Tuesday, April 3, 1990, Robert Alton Harris will be the first person in 23 years to die at the hand of the state.

Harris will spend the last minutes of his life strapped into a metal chair inside an air-tight metal gas chamber.

According to the laws of California, this is the only way that Harris, who murdered two young men nearly 12 years ago, can repay his debt to society.

Will Harris' death though, really repay anything?

The only motive or logical reason for the state to take a murderer's life is revenge.

And is revenge actually a rational reason for terminating another human being? No, it is not.

Under the same system of laws that found Harris guilty of murder and sentenced him to die there exists a great hypocrisy.

Murder, when it is committed by a citizen, is considered one of the greatest atrocities one can commit: a heinous crime that is punishable by death.

However, the state reserves for itself a monopoly on the power of taking a life.

California law differentiates between two different types of killing. The first is manslaughter, which means that the victim was killed in an unmeditated act, in other words was killed without the assailant having any forethought as to the death.

The second classification of killing is murder, which is defined as taking someone's life with malicious intent or forethought.

So, by its own legal guidelines, the state is murdering one of its citizens with revenge as its sole purpose.

Of course there are those who will pontificate about the death penalty being a deterrent. However, this is simply not true.

The United States has been practicing capital punishment for a long while and even in states where the death penalty is actively used there is no reduction in violent crimes attributed to a deterring factor.

In fact, the United States, in its use of the death penalty, is in the company of only a handful of nations, which include South Africa and the Soviet Union.

However, the United States has one of the highest rates of violent crime among all countries, far above those who don't use the death penalty.

Another frequently heard argument is that

the state does not want to pay to support a murderer.

This is an invalid point because, due to the automatic appeal guaranteed to a condemned prisoner, it costs quite a bit more to execute a person than it does to support him in jail for the remainder of his life.

Also, another frightening aspect of capital punishment is that since it has been activated over 10 people have been executed that were later proven innocent.

It is time we began to stop treating wrong and right as if they were subjective, start concentrating on solving the social problems behind murder and start leading by example.

Rancho Santiago College SPORTS

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"The next two rounds will be a top-notch prize fight with every team slugging it out."

-Don Sneddon
RSC baseball coach

Orange Empire Baseball

	W	L	W	L
Rancho Santiago	10	3	21	5
Riverside	8	5	20	8
Golden West	8	5	17	6
Fullerton	7	6	16	8
Orange Coast	5	8	12	14
Cypress	3	8	14	12
Saddleback	3	10	9	13

Dons swing back into first place

RSC sweep five to jump out of third, ranked No. 4 in southland

BY GREGORY CREEL
SPORTS EDITOR

Two weeks can be a very long time in baseball, and in those two weeks a team's fate can be decided.

In that period of time the Dons, after dropping three of their last four games, climbed out of a third place tie by sweeping the next five league games. RSC is the first to get ten league wins in the 1990 season.

How did RSC find themselves in the middle of the seven team pack?

"The pitching really can't be blamed, the hitting isn't coming around," said RSC's head coach Don Sneddon a fortnight ago.

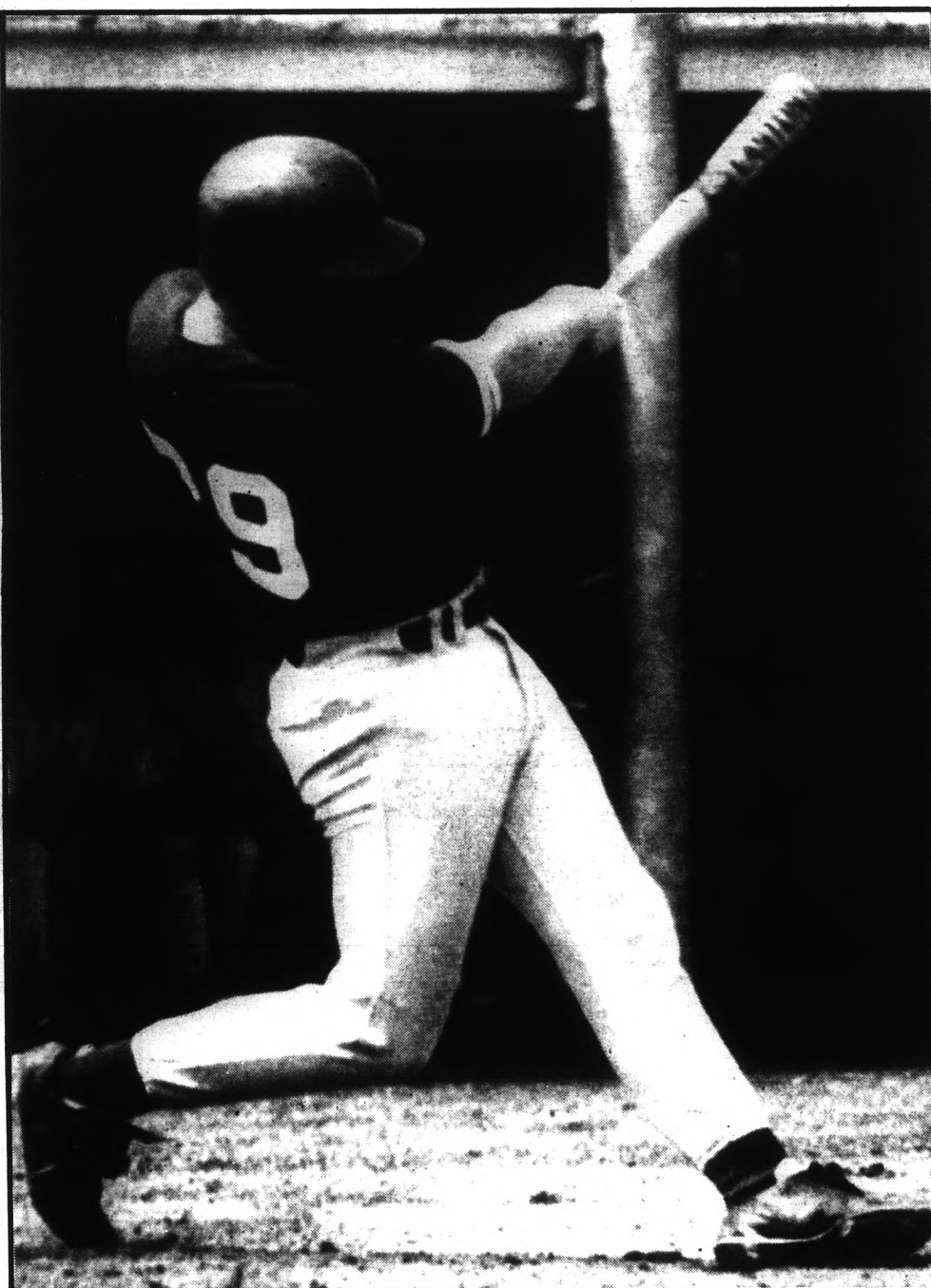
Then the bats lit up, heading the Dons back into first place defeating Cypress, Orange Coast, Golden West and Fullerton in the process.

"The key to those (last five) games besides the pitching, was hitting the ball," said Sneddon. "That was something our offense wasn't doing before. That's just a result of hard work and extra batting practice by all the players. We went over some (weaknesses) with many players individually, evaluating them and working on them."

In the Dons 14-3 pummeling over Saddleback Thursday,

Conrad Colby went 3 for 5, knocking in four runs and Marty Neff upped his league leading homerun total to 13 with a three run shot in the third inning.

Rob Nay was the winning pitcher, regaining composure after giving up the early runs and Jay Hassel picked up



GOING, GOING, GONE! Greg Martineau hits a sweet one over the left field fence. The third baseman's homer is his third for the season.

Photo by Gregory Creel

relieving duties the final four innings, earning a save.

The pitching has been quietly doing their part on a consistent basis strong-arming their opponents. Leading Don's pitching thus far has been sophomore Matt Lackie topping county pitching

with a 7-2 record.

"Lackie has been pitching very well. He's been consistent all season with no rough spots," noted Sneddon. "He just keeps hitting the right spots keeping the batters off balance with his great slider."

"With each outing he builds more

confidence," Sneddon added.

"It's nice to see this happening after last year when he wasn't really pitching at his potential."

Another confidence-builder is his defense behind him according to Sneddon: "I'm happy with the defense, they're playing very well...doing their job, and that too helps (as a confidence-builder)."

With the two rounds of the four-round series over in the exceptionally strong Orange Empire Conference, any team wanting to capture the conference had better be prepared to rumble. The competition is fierce, and who ever finishes on top will have beaten some of California's finest.

"Every team in our conference can beat anyone in the state; that's how competitive our league is," said Sneddon. And he is right. In last week's Southern California poll conducted by southern California community college sports information directors, four OEC teams have crowded their way into the top ten. Riverside is ranked third, RSC fourth, Fullerton is fifth and Golden West is ranked seventh. LA Harbor is ranked first and defending state champion Cerritos is second.

For every conference winner comes a loser, but in the OEC it is not by much. Conference doormats are annoying top teams, beating them at the worst times.

"OCC and Cypress have been playing better, as we felt they'd do all along," Sneddon pointed out. "A good example is the Cypress game...beating Riverside and (8-2 ace pitcher, Ben) Blomdahl 20-2."

Sneddon promises: "The next two rounds will be a top notch prize fight with every team slugging it out...we're going to have to slug out all 12 to take the league. It's going to be exciting, if we keep playing our game I think we can do it."

Tennis dream refuses to die for Tiffany Tighe

BY JEFF WARRICK
STAFF WRITER

As a little girl, Tiffany Tighe set her sights on playing professional tennis. Although turning pro never happened, the future is bright for this RSC tennis player.

After moving to Orange County in April of 1979, Tighe met a friend who introduced her to what would become a basis for her career of the future.

"I started playing tennis two weeks before school started, because a girl I met said everybody out here plays," Tighe said. "So I went out, started playing, and made the (high school) team".

Tighe graduated from Villa Park in 1982 and decided to go to college in Santa Barbara the following fall, which was more of a learning experience than she imagined.

"I went to UCSB for a quarter right out of high school and my grades were not real good, along with too much partying. But I think I matured a lot and school is more important to me now."

Working steadily since leaving UCSB in '82, Tighe is now majoring in marketing and plans to transfer to Cal State Fullerton next semester.

Tennis became a major part of her life once again when she decided to try out for RSC's team. Not only did Tighe make the team, she landed the No. 1 singles position.

While playing casually before trying out for the team, Tighe experienced a string of injuries that left her wondering about her tennis future.

"I got injured a lot. I had a shoulder injury and had to lay off for 8 months. Then, when I came back to school, I thought it would be fun to be on the team."

A pulled quad kept her out of commission for two weeks earlier this season, but she has returned to her No. 1 spot and the team has a respectable 7-7 record.

After finishing at RSC this May, Tighe has a job with Prince tennis company waiting for her as an assistant to the sales representative for Orange County.

Finally, this 10-year tennis veteran will be working



with what she enjoys and knows best. Traveling to clubs and shops where she'll sell rackets, shoes and clothes, keeping her time filled with nothing but tennis.

Although that dream as a child hasn't altogether left, Tighe explains that, "It would be fun to work with the pro's in marketing tennis products." It just goes to show you that childhood dreams are meant to come true in some form or another.

CORRECTION: In the editing process of the el Don's March 26 issue, Riverside softball coach Bev Wimer was mistakenly given the title of RSC assistant coach. The el Don sports editor regrets any inconvenience.

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Mike Stone

Alone in the peanut gallery



The awards keep rolling in for the RSC mens basketball team. Guard Gene Altamirano, forward Corie Blount and center Matt Lien were selected to the 1990 All-Orange County Community Basketball team, guard Vern Broadnax was named Honorable Mention, and Don's coach Dana Pagett was named Coach of the Year. Rashone Lewis of Fullerton College was selected Player of the Year...

Don Anderson, a Santa Ana graduate from 1959, has been named the Commissioner of the Freedom Bowl. Anderson was an assistant sports information director at Chapman College, the SID at the University of Southern California for seven years, and the Vice-President in charge of Public Relation for the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League before his job with the Freedom Bowl...

Don Sneddon, RSC's baseball coach, is becoming quite the prophet. He said that the Orange Empire Conference would be the toughest in Southern California, and the latest SID poll bears that out. Four OEC teams are ranked among the top seven, with the Dons ranked fourth. Riverside is one step up in the No. 3 spot, Fullerton is fifth, and Golden West

is ranked seventh. LA Harbor is No. 1 and Cerritos is No. 2...

At last glance, RSC outfielder Marty Neff was leading the OEC in home runs with 13 and RBIs with 42 in 26 games. Last season, in 46 games, Neff hit 12 homers and drove in 46 runs...

Pitcher Matt Lackie is second in the OEC in wins with 7...

I finally get a chance to put in my predictions for the NCAA Tournament. I say UNLV, Georgia Tech, Duke and Arkansas will reach the Final Four. And the winner is...

Led by the Lethal Weapon 3, (Kenny Anderson, Dennis Scott and Brian Oliver), Georgia Tech will capture its first NCAA basketball title...

The Dodgers need a healthy Kirk Gibson to win the National League West. The Angels need Devon White to bat leadoff and draw over 50 walks on the season, and for Jose Canseco's and Mark McGwire's arms to fall off to win the American League West...

Until next time...

EVENTS

TODAY:

Softball- Saddleback at RSC, 3:00 p.m.
Golf- RSC Conference Tourney, El Prado, noon.

TUESDAY:

Baseball- RSC at Cypress, 2:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis- RSC at Orange Coast, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis- Orange Coast at RSC, 2:00 p.m.
Track and Field- So Cal Multi Events Championships, Mt. SAC, all day (continued Wednesday).

WEDNESDAY:

Softball- Cypress at RSC, 3:00 p.m.
Golf- SDMC Conference Tourney, Torrey Pines, 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY:

Baseball- RSC at Orange Coast, 2:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis- Cypress at RSC, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis- RSC at Cypress, 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Track and Field- Fresno Relays, Fresno, all day (continued Saturday).

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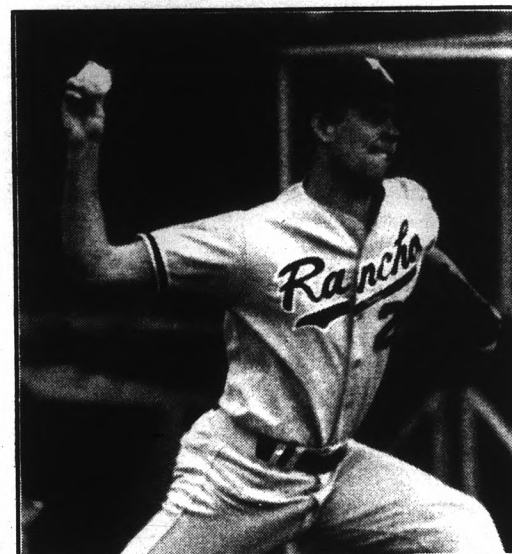
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Matt Lackie

In his last three appearances, capitalizing on his precise placement and good slider, right-handed sophomore Matt Lackie has collected two wins and a save including a 7-1 complete game victory over long-time rival Fullerton allowing six hits.



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